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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE
VIII, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS, AND PRO-
VIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLEC-
TION OF TAXES.

S. J. R. No. 13.]

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

A Joint Resolution proposing an Amendment to Section 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and providing for the levying and collection of taxes by general laws, and fixing the total amount of revenue which may be collected during each biennium, and the total amount of funds which may be expended during each biennium; provided that restrictions herein contained as to amounts of taxes to be levied may be suspended in case of grave emergencies; and providing for an election upon such proposed constitutional Amendment, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 3. Taxes shall be levied and collected by general laws and for public purposes only; and the total amount of revenue which the State shall be authorized to collect during such biennium from taxes, licenses, permits and fees, (except fees paid by students to state educational institutions, and except rentals, bonuses and royalties obtained from public lands and other public property) shall not exceed a sum reasonably estimated to equal the product obtained by multiplying the number of the inhabitants of this State by the sum of Twenty-two and 50/100 (\$22.50) Dollars; provided, however, the total amount of such revenue which may be so collected, shall be reduced by the amount of any surplus funds or unexpended appropriations remaining at the close of the preceding biennium. The expenditures of the State government of funds derived from the sources above referred to shall never exceed during any biennium, a sum equal to the product obtained by multiplying the number of inhabitants of this State by the sum of Twenty-two and 50/100 (\$22.50) Dollars, provided, however, that the population of the State (in determining the amount of revenue which may be collected from taxes, licenses, permits and fees or expended from the revenue thus obtained) shall be determined by the then last preceding Federal census, to which population shall be added or deducted, as the case may

be, for each year that has lapsed since the last preceding Federal census, the average yearly increase or decrease of the population as shown by said last Federal census when compared with the Federal census which immediately preceded said last Federal census. Provided, further, that in case of war, riots, or insurrection, or a statewide calamity caused by earthquake, fire, flood or an epidemic which seriously threatens the health of the citizens of this State, the Legislature shall have authority, by a two-thirds vote of both Houses, to suspend for a definite period this constitutional limitation as to the amount of money which may be collected and expended during the biennium."

SEC. 2. The foregoing constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this State qualified to vote on constitutional amendments at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1934, at which election each ballot shall have printed the words:

"For the amendment of Section 3 of Article VIII of the State Constitution providing for the levying and collection of taxes and fixing the maximum amount thereof which can be collected and expended each biennium."

"Against the amendment of Section 3 of Article VIII of the State Constitution providing for the levying and collection of taxes and fixing the maximum amount thereof which can be collected and expended each biennium."

Each voter shall scratch out with pen or pencil the clause which he desires to vote against, so as to indicate whether he is voting for or against said proposed amendment.

SEC. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

SEC. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expense of such publication and election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 13 passed the Senate, April 4, 1933, by a vote of 29 yeas, 0 nays; passed the House, May 29, 1933, by a vote of 105 yeas, 22 nays.]

Approved June 12, 1933.